



Poynton Update and News, 21st September 2020

Vacancy for Two Council Community Support Officers (starting salary £21,166)

Calling all passionate community minded people for exciting roles: Two Council Community Support Officers (starting salary £21,166).

Poynton is a thriving Cheshire village of 15,000 people and is situated on the edge of Greater Manchester. Poynton Town Council is an innovative organisation which has had 10 years' experience of working with the Police at the forefront of Community Policing.

Poynton Town Council employs a team of Council Community Support Officers. These positions will be a visible uniformed presence and will have accredited powers of enforcement.

Are you:

- Community minded?
- A good communicator?
- Good at identifying problems and finding solutions?
- Able to remain calm under pressure?
- Do you possess tolerance and empathy combined with firmness?
- Looking for an active work life?

If the answers to the above are yes, then please apply for one of these exciting roles. Pay scale rises from NJC LC1 SCP 11 –16 (currently £21,166 to £23,369) for the Council Community Support Officer posts

You'll usually work 37 hours a week on day and evening shifts, including weekends and bank holidays. Shifts usually cover the hours between 8am and midnight.

You'll mostly be outdoors, patrolling residential areas on foot or bike. You may also work indoors, for example when giving talks to community groups and schools. You'll be provided with a uniform. The post is subject to Police and DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) vetting.

For a full job description, employee specification and application form, or for further information, please email Haf Barlow, Town Clerk, on haf.barlow@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk or ring 01625 872238, or call in to the Civic Hall between 10am and 4.00pm.

The closing date for applications is 2nd October 2020.

Poynton Town Council Business Survey

Poynton Town Council is looking to capture information on how COVID-19 may be impacting businesses in the town currently and in the longer term. The Town Council has put together a short survey to gauge the impact that COVID-19 is having on Poynton businesses. The information gathered from this survey will be used by the Town Council to support business where possible and to help lobby for the needs of local businesses.

Please complete the **Business Survey** [here](#).



The Poynton Pledge

What does Poynton mean to you?

To many it means community, a sense of place and of people coming together for the benefit of each other.

During his term of office, Councillor Lee Podmore, Poynton Town Mayor will adopt a Community focused theme and drive the Poynton Pledge. This is an initiative to support local and to “think green”.

Cllr Podmore will be encouraging individuals and/or groups within the community to sign up and pledge an action for Poynton.

You could pledge to...

- Swap one short car journey per week for a walk
- Look out for your neighbours and help them where you can
- Check local shop suppliers first when ordering online
- Support local restaurants and takeaways
- Research local organisations and charities and consider getting involved and/or volunteering
- Shop sustainably
- Consider supporting local businesses when you need a service

For more information on the Poynton Pledge visit www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk



Poynton's volunteer community response to Covid-19

We recently sent an email to thank volunteers who we were aware of, who had supported Poynton's community response to the Covid-19 pandemic. If you received an email and have yet to reply, please do get in touch.

If you didn't receive an email and would be interested in volunteering if there's a further emergency regarding Covid-19 or interested in Poynton Town Council volunteering opportunities which supports a response to a community need in future, please send an email to Sharon.duke@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Please provide your details and whether you wish to volunteer for Covid-19 related opportunities or future volunteering.

Please be reassured this doesn't commit you to anything other than being contacted if you express an interest in future volunteering opportunities, to discuss the types of volunteering opportunities available.

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Flu Vaccination campaign 2020

For Middlewood Partnership, this year's flu vaccination campaign is going to be a significant challenge, given that up to two thirds of their patient population will be eligible for a flu vaccine. This includes everyone over the age of 50 for the first time, which means alternative premises are required to facilitate social distancing and specific arrangements are being made.

Patients will be invited to attend a specific time slot and households invited as a group. Face coverings must be worn by both staff and patients.

Patients will receive either a text message or letter advising of their appointment.

For more information see the following link <https://middlewoodpartnership.co.uk/flu-vaccination-campaign-2020/>



Know your numbers! Check your blood pressure!

This year's theme for Know Your Numbers Week is "YOU are in control". High blood pressure, rarely has noticeable symptoms and if untreated, increases the risk of health problems such as heart attacks, dementia and strokes. The only way to know if you have high blood pressure is to have it tested. If you own a monitor, dust the cobwebs off and give it a go! If you are interested in buying a blood pressure machine, here's a list of blood pressure machines validated for use by the British and Irish Hypertension Society <https://bihsoc.org/bp-monitors/for-home-use/>

The Happy Hearts Website has lots of information. <https://www.happy-hearts.co.uk/>

One You Cheshire East have a number of programmes to target improving health. For more information visit <https://www.oneyoucheshireeast.org/> or call 0808 1643 202.

Loss, grief and bereavement session, Thursday 8th October, 2 - 4pm, Poynton Civic Hall

If you have been affected by a recent bereavement, you are encouraged to attend a 'loss, grief and bereavement session' at Poynton Civic Hall hosted by The End of Life Partnership. You will have the opportunity to talk about your loss, understand your feelings and learn tools to help you adjust. The session has limited numbers and social distancing measures will be in place. More info [here](#). To book your place telephone 01625 872238.

Carers Wellbeing Programme

The End of Life Partnership are supporting local carers and have developed a programme which will run throughout September, and will be hosted virtually via 'Zoom'. There's no need to book, just open 'Zoom' on a device, click on 'Join a meeting' or copy and paste the link. Add in the meeting code and password to 'attend' the session. The sessions are 'Keeping well whilst caring', 'How to plan care for the future', 'Caring for someone with advancing Dementia', 'Be confident to care at end of life' and 'Support for your caring role'.

To find details of the meetings, including the Zoom links, click [here](#).



Support for young people

Just Drop In have resumed their face to face, weekly counselling sessions for young people on Wednesday 2nd September, 3pm – 7pm at Poynton Civic Hall. To book an appointment please contact Just Drop In on 01625 665079 or email hello@justdropin.co.uk.



There are other services available to support young people including;

- Telephone counselling for young people aged 12-17 years. Call on 01625 665079 to book in a time to chat about the support options in more detail. If you are aged 8-11 years, please ask your GP about Just Drop In.
- A Wellbeing service which offers targeted one to one and group support for students who are anxious and struggling with transition back to school in September. Telephone 01625 665079 for more information.

Time to Talk

It's been such a difficult time for carers and people living with dementia. Come along to meet with an Admiral Nurse who will be available to and offer support and advice. Time to Talk is on Wednesday 23rd September between 1.30pm - 3.10pm at Poynton Civic Hall. Please telephone 01625 872238 to book a 20 minutes slot to discuss any concerns you may have.

View the poster [here](#).



Council Community Support Team News

NO MORE RUBBISH EXCUSES!

Due to weather conditions and wilful damage of anti-litter campaign signs, the Council Community Support Team have replaced them with more substantial ones.

The CCST urge people to adhere to littering laws and keep Poynton free from litter. Littering is an offence for which you can receive a fixed penalty charge of up to £80.

The CCST have made contact with all local schools to wish them well in their new term and offer any assistance they may require in the coming months. The Team have also arranged several educational talks to be delivered to local primary schools.

The CCST have also dealt with a case of fly tipping. Fly tipping is a criminal offence and can in some cases be punishable with fines up to £50,000 or imprisonment.



Moggie Lane Bridge update

Much of the reconstruction is now complete. Cheshire East Highways are in the process of rebuild the bridge wall which is partially finished. There are minor bits of surfacing booked in for next week. Some ongoing works are required in the gardens adjacent to the site. This will still require traffic lights for short periods. Cheshire East Highways say they aim to be completely off site within the next 4 weeks.



Works to watercourse, Glastonbury Drive

Cheshire East will be carrying out essential works to the watercourse on Glastonbury Drive to reduce the risk of future flooding in this area. The work will commence on the 5th October 2020. Full details of the work can be found [here](#).

Poynton Library news and opening hours

From Tuesday 1st September, Poynton Library will be open

Monday	9.30am — 4pm
Tuesday	9.30am — 4pm
Wednesday	9.30am — 4pm
Thursday	9.30am — 4pm
Friday	9.30am — 4pm
Saturday	9.30am — 4pm



Activities and events

Cheshire East Libraries have range of different activities for kids which are available for free on their Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/PoyntonLibrary/photos/a.497724893572684/3399579723387172/>

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